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THE MANNER OF OATH-TAKING.

A judgo lately made a pronouncement against the use of the Bible as an instrument for eath taking. His ground of objection was that people were nuncessarily exposed to disease, by having to put lips to a dirty volune, which had been already kissed by all sorts of persons. He had once, he added, allowed a man to dispense with the ceremony altogether because a previous witues had had an offensively sore mouth: and according to current modical theories it was quite likely the germs or bacilli of his disease had been deposited on the book's cover.

There is force and sense in this view It is decidedly unpleasant, putting the danger altogether out of view, to have to kies a book which has just been indelicately, not to say, slobberingly handled by one or more who are not over studious of personal cleanliness. A heaving stomach may communicate its unsteadiness to the brain, and so impair even an honest witness' testimony. It concerns the law therefore, or, at least its administrators, to see that such a risk be not run. Avoidable causes of danger should not be permitted, and much less should they be anotioned in the premises.

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And if there is, as this judge thinks, real danger in the present mode of taking an oath, the cause can be easily removed. Let the book be banished, and some other instrument be found which will not be open to the same objection. For nobody, I suppose, considers that our present way of doing things in ourt has more than the claim of old custom to recommend it. Any other way that is enitable to the circumstance will do as well, and the learned profession who have most to do with these matters ought to have no difficulty in finding it.

We think there is a good opening for some philosophical lawyer to feather his cap by a good essay on this subject. And that because, allowing full weight to the judge's reason, we are persuaded there are still stronger grounds for wiching a change. The world is moving and what may have been admirable in its day is found utterly out of keeping with present circumstances. When all men unbesitatingly believed the Bible to be the word of God, it was natural they should use it as it is still used by ourselves. But who will pretend that that is true now? And is it not a shock to christian feeling when, any, a Jow or an infidel can derange the order of courts, and feel, therefore, under the obligation of being simply silent or what concerns their essential management. Cuique in sua artecached what concerns their essential managements. Cuique in sua artecached with the order of the diguided or even the becoming in the swearing in of the intry? I saw the thing one and was

lawyers see to that, and regulate it. But even a layman may claim the right to criticise and protest against some scenes common enough in the neighborhood of the bench. What is there of the diguified or even the becoming in the swearing in of the interpretation of the same of the same of the diguified or even the becoming in the swearing in of the interpretation of the same o

little calculated to inspire either awe or reverence. Now of course I know the essence of an eath is not in the kissing of a book; but since that is the prescribed way, the termination of the act, and the outer evidence that a man has aworn, it would be best to make it as serious and solemn as possible. Can the present mode be made and at all? Religious mun it is knew will mover fail in due respect, but what of the may who are not so minded? Is it not a kind of profanation of the hely sook to til in the hands of men who eoff at it, or at least care nothing about it?

And then as to that juror who puts his handkerchief before his lips; was it to avoid tenching the unclean book; or from a worse motive, the child of stupid perverted ignorance, leading him to think he escaped being sworn, if the failed of actual contact with the bible? We have heard of men capable of such dangerous folly.

Considerations like these which might easily be multiplied, point towards the windom, if not actual necessary, of looking into our present mode of administering satis, with a view to discover if we could not change it without any loss and with much gain.

Mr. J. W. Mallon, Chairman.

With Dr. McFaul as presiding officer, the Collegiate Institute Board held its inaugural meeting on Wednesday ovening the 1st., when the officers of the year were chosen. Dr. MacCallum and Mr. J. K. Leslie, now members of the board, took their seats for the first time. On the motion of Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P. yeconded by Mr. Frank Donton, Mr. J. W. Mallon, was unanimously elected Chairman for the year, and took the chair amid applause. Mr W. E. Caiger was, on motion of Messrs. T. L. Church and George L. Wilson elected Honorary Secretary. There was some little discussion over the appointment of a Striking Committee to choose the standing committees Mr. Laxton, who was let to film and an omphatic objection. Mr. Alex. Fraser, who moved the Striking Committee to choose the standing committees Mr. Laxton, who was let to film and an omphatic objection. Mr. Alex. Fraser, who moved the Striking Committee to choose the standing the strikens went out, and in a few minutes are unreaded. Not withstanding this acrosm, the strikers went out, and in a few minutes returned with the following list of committee arrangements:—School Managoment—James Vilson. Dr. Pyre, I. L. Clurch, T. A. Hashings. L. V. McBrady, Frank Deuton, Dr. Forguson, J. W. Mallon
Priperty—Mr. O'Connor, Dr. MacCallum, Alex. Fraser, John Laxton, E. Schoff, W. E. Caiger, J. K. Leelie and the Public School Representative, not yet chosen.

Mr. James Wilson was elected Chairman of School Managoment, and Mr. C. L. Wilson were nominated for Chairman of Finanom. The Chairmen of Property without a contest. Mr. E. F. Clarke and Mr. G. L. Wilson were nominated for Chairman of Finanom. Arr. Wilson withdraw, and Mr. Clarke was declated.

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Mr. T. L. Church moved for a special committee, consisting of Messra Clarko, Leslie, Pyne, Church, Hastings, Ferguson, Denton, Frasor, Raf and Elliott, to wait on the Minister of Education, requesting him at the present session of the Legislature to amend the high school curriculum so as to give more prominence to commercial and industrial branches of education in our schools Mr. Frank Deaton sr. it the law had for several years given power for the establishment of technical clareses. The fault, he thought, was largely with the board itself, which had not taken advantage of its powers.

Mr. Church said the regulations required to be changed and the curriculum amended. There were east not the schools now where pupils had at out some of the hours doing nothing because the studies were not properly arranged.

Mr. Fracer objected to the board giving tower to a committee to speak on this important question without a full didn't it desired, and he was inclined to thick much of the power wanted was vested in the board. Mr. Church said in the board should know with the committee of the course of studies at the schools so as to provide that cortain specified subjects receive special attention and at how far this could be carried out in the respective schools.

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TRLL THE DRAF.—Mr. J. F. Kellock, Druggles. Perth, writes: "A customer of mine having been cured of deafness by the use of Dr. Thomas Ecturrate Oli, wrote to Ireland, telling his friends there of the cure in consequence I acceived an order to send half a dozen by express to Woxford, Ireland, this week."

FATHER KELLY

SAYS FAREWELL.

Very Rev. Thomas Kelly was presented with an address and a purse of gold by Mayor Ryan and the Catholic men by Mayor Ryan and the Catholic mon and women of Kingston upon the occasion of his leave taking from the city and people with whom he had for so many years been most intimately as sociated. Speaking in reply to the address Father Kelly said: Mr. Mayor and gentlemen of St. Mary's Congregation—I have some considerable experience gathered during my twenty odd years of priestly life, but I have nover the had any experience such as the cir-

years of priestly life, but I have nover yet had any experience such as the circumstances in which I flud myself placed at this moment. On this account let me claim your indulgence, which I claim on another account also, namely that till I heard just now your beautiful address, I had not an opportunity of perusing it. However, what can I say, beyond expressing to you my carnest and sincere thanks for your official and warm approbation upon my priestly life among you. When I say that I thank you everything is said.

I venture to observe, however, that this public act of yours, the representatives of the Catholics of Kingston, has important aspects and will prove of manifold advantage. In the first place, I think that it will prove satisfactory to the Archbishop, It could not be otherwise. What can be more agreeable to the Bishop of a discose than to receive proof that his priests and people work together in sympathy and harmony. I such a happy condition of things not in itself an evidence that the interests of religion are safeguarded and the affairs of the Church conducted and the affairs, in which I stated my opinions frooly and affocion subsisted in this congregation and joined us together in the several projects which marked the life of the Church in Kingston. I felt an assurance in my own heart that I enjoyed the esteem and respect of St. Mary's congregation. During our 1 og years together we had our conflicts fit I may use so strong a word to describe our distribution of the conducted and ultimate understanding after full and residuations in the properties of the conduction

more, since I know the sacrifice which it implies.
Whilst I offer you, therefore, once again the grateful feelings of my heart for all your kindnesses throughout our years of peaceful intercourse, I beg you to remember me in prayer, as I will consider it ever my duty to be mindful or you and yours before the altar of God.

Americans and Filipines in Conflict.

London, Feb. 6 — A Manila despatch to The Morning Post confirmed by official advices to Washington and Madeil says: The splundid police system prevented a general outbreak in the city, though several solitors were attacked by natives

in the streets. Licut. Charles Hogan and Sergeant Wall were shot by three natives, the former being seriously wounded and the latter slightly. Licut. Col. Cotton was attacked by a nettwo with a several way to the front. He kitled his assailant with his nvolver. A sharpshooter within the American lines shot and killed a sergeant while he was sitting at a window of the second Reserve Hospital. Col Wilham G. Sanith died of apoplexy Many of the insurgents were driven into the Pasig River and drowned. Several hundreds were taken prisoners. In a subsequent tolegram the following statements are made: "Last night (Saturday) and to-day's (Sanday) engagements have proved a veritable slaughter for the Flitpicos, their killed being reported as a mounting to thou sands. The American forces could scarcely have been better disposed it is now known that the attack was fully expected, and that every precaulion had been made to meet the enemy. "Frieng slackened at noon (Sunday), the enemy being apparently demoralised. The American troops, however, are fully equipped to meet a possible attack to night. "A poincaled supparently demoralised. The American troops, however, are fully equipped to meet a possible statek to night." Here to the control of the state was a subsequently and the devery precaulion had been made to meet the enemy.

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St. Mary's Catalolic Literary and Atheletic Association.

The weekly meeting of the St. Mary's Catholic Literary and Athletic Association was held Saurday evening. There was a good at the Saurday evening. There was a good at the mount of routine businessed. Several propositions for membership were received. At the conclusion of the meeting an impromptu entertainment was held. Songs wore rendered by Messers. Will Henry, P. Ford, D. Murphy and Joe Drohan and a recitative number by Mr. Wm. Kelly, a most pleasant evening was then brought to a close by a short lecture by Mr. Carey.

The concert to be given by this energetic association on Feb. 14th in St. Androw's Hall bids fair to be most snecessful. With such an exceptionally strong programme embracing the name of Miss Chapin, Bert Hurvey, the Schubert McLe Quartette, Miss Collies and Mrs. McCarthy, the members hope to have a most excessful even way.

The following resolution was passed:

The following resolution the brotherty spirit of our society respectfully extend to Messer. James and Simon J. Breen, as well as to the family a sincere expression of sympathy in the loss they have suffered by the death of a sister:

That our condolence is sumilarly offered to Mr. Juhn V. Powers on the death of

a sister:
That our condolence is similarly offered to Mr. John T. Powers on the death of his father in-law.

The North American Life.

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On Thursday last the annual meeting of the North American Life Assurance Company was held at the head offices in this city. A summary of the report submitted thereat will be found in this sism of The Rossynk—a summary the report of the report submitted thereat will be found in this issue of The Rossynk—a summary most greatifying as evidence of the continued prospective of this progressive institution. The new business written has reached point in the company's higher and property of the result of the company's higher and the company's the last same defended the company's standing as related to its competence. But an extending the company, whose name entitles it competitors. But an item which elicited the heatty applians of the meeting areas in the company's standing areas in the company, whose name entitles it competitors. But an item which elicited the heatty applians of the meeting areas in the company, whose name entitles it competitors with a view to permitting it to traveauch united statement as to a content of the company, whose name entitles it to continental expansion, had recently undergone a searching and critical examination by two insurance Government officials from the United States with a view to permitting it to traveauch united submittes that the actual market value of them was largely in excess of that shown by the figures in the company's statement. A perusal of the roport will show that safety and a commendable conservatism lave characterized the company's management stroughout.

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MUSIC RECITAL AT LORETTO ABBEY.

The magnificent new concert hall of Loretto Abbey was crowded to the door on Treasday ovening, Jan. 31st, on the occasion of Miss Do Van syndauding piano recital. A feative seene greeted the appreciative andience, the pretty decoration of diags was very effective, and the pupils, attited in white, were ranged on tiers, making the stage a revelation of youth and beauty, with its own peculiar charm. The opening number on the programme was "The Last Chord" sung in chorus by the pupils, atter which Miss Do Van made her appearance with a graceful easy composure. Her direct selection was Toccata by Bach, which which was followed by Beethoven's Sonata Appassionata, the reudering of which proclaimed the young debutante to be possessed of rare musical stalent, keen interpretation of the great master minds of the divine art, and execution both powerful and brilliant. A delightful feature of the programme was the Normandy March by the banjo club, consisting of banjos, guitars and mandolins, under the direction of Mr. Smedley. This lively selection fairly captivated the andience and the young performers were so loudly and perasitently encored that they repeated it much to the delight of every one. Miss Flansgan was charming, as usual, and Miss Mangan and Miss Jordan, who made their first appearance proved themselves brilliant by additions to the success already schlewed by the abbey pupils. Miss De Van again performed, first rendering Valse-Caprice by Strauss-Tausig, and Introduction and Polacoa Erilliant by Chopin, with cello accompaniment by Mr. Paul Habn. The latter beautiful selection closed the first part of the entertamment. Part second began with a lively rendition of Kentucky Babe, sung by St. Coscellachorus, and accompanied by the numerous viriuged instruments—the effect was delightful in the extreme. Liexts Cantingu d'Amour, was avaquisitely played by Miss Do Van, after which Miss Do Van again performed and pleased the audience as a partillant primitat. Florence he pertayed the excellence of the Abbey's education

Ottawa Catholics and the Coronation Oath.

bers of the Catholic Truth Society are aware that in the near future the Frince of Wales will ascend the throne of England. The Frince, taking the coronation cath in its present form, will insult 16,000,000 Catholics, British subjects. The Society thinks that in this age of tolerance such a thing should be unheard of, and that the matter should be rectified as soon as possible.

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The only British subjects who are in-sulted by the coronatron oath are Ca-tholies. Mohammedans and nombers of all other religions who are British subjects are not referred to.

Catholic University Bill Dropped.

LONDON, Feb. 7th.—The Queen's speech to be read in Parliament tomorrow will contain on tiem of importance, either of comment upon the nast year or of announcement of legislation. The new Government measures amounced in it will be concerning the reorganization of the municipal government of Londoniste establishment of a hoard to administer establishment of the method of the control of the contr

GOOD PROGRESS.

The Equity Fire Insurance Helds Its First Annual Meeting.

First Annual Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Sharoholders of the Equity Fire Insurance Company was held at its head offices, 24 King street west, last Wednesday, 15 February 1st. The financial atstement and directors' report showed over \$2, 26 King street west, last Wednesday, 100,000 of boalcess written during the company's 10 months of operation last year, a surplus of revenue over expoaditure of \$7,981.73 and the security to policyholders were enthusiastic. Much confidence was expressed respecting the Board, the Mansger, Mr. Brown, and the future of the Company.

The members of the fermer Board were unanimously re-elected, namely; Arch. Campbell, M.P., Thos. Crawford, M.P.P. C. C. Van Norman, Judge Morgan, David Carlyls, and H. E. Irwin, Toronto; William Hendric, jr., Hamilton; A. F. MacLaren, M.P. Belleville, Stephen Noxon, Ingercell and C. H. Elliott, Loudon meeting Mr. Campbell was received and Mr. Crawford, Vice the elected for addition to those for the Executive Mr. Van Norman, Judge Morgan and David Carlyle were again chosen.

Obituary.

Rev. Father Jeffcott, of Oshawa, received the sad nows last week of the death of his father in Iroland. Mr. Jeffcott was a nativo of West Kerry, Father Jeffcott received the nows which was entirely unexpected, from Traised. The genial and beloved paster of St. Gregory's has the sympathy of all his friends.

Compared to the street of the street of the street of the street of the street from the second condensation of the other street from the street from loss of blood. He died within six hours in St. Michael's Hospital. Mr. Dissette who was well-known in Toronto, was a married man and leaves a widow. The funcral took place on Monday morning from St. Michael's Cathedral.

Miss Ida Veronica (Vera) Mason, youngest daughter of Mr. John R. Mason, and nice of Col. Mason, died at Grace Hospital on Saturday last Sa was a young lady of great promites as a student, and her death was heard of with deep regret. The funeral took place on Tuesday from St. Patrick's Church to St. Michael's Cometery R. I. P.

St. Mary's Parish Hall.

The second meeting of the parishioners of St. Mary's was held on Sauday after noon. Very Rev. J. J. McCaun, Adm. presided. A goodly number of additional subscriptions to the building fund were received.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 111, C.M.B. A., Toronto, Oat, a resolution of condidence was passed in rogard Recording-Secretary, Brother Thomss to the death of the esteemed O'Neil.—P. J. Dollan, President, R. Murrhy, Rec. Sec.

Colic and Kidney Difficulty.—Mr. J. W. Wilder, J. P. Lafargeville, N. Y. writes: "I am subject to severe attacks of Colic and Kidney Difficulty, and find Parmeleo's Pills afford me great relief, while all other remedies have failed They are the best medicine I have over used." In fact as great is the power of this medicine to cleanse and purify that diseases of almost overy name and nature are driven from the body.